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118. The method of fajm 117, wherein said molecules are monoclonal antibodies.--

REMARKS

Claims 23-53, which claims were added in the preliminary amendment filed September 7, 2000, are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice.

New claims 54-118 have been added. Claims 54-118 are now pending in this application. No new matter is entered by way of amendment.

Support for the newly added claims 54-118 can be found throughout the specification and the original claims. Support for new claims 54 and 72 can be found on pages 13-14 of the specification.

Examination of the application in light of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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